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SUBJECT: 1975-76 US PROFESSOR PROGRAM (STRICKLAND)

1. FULBRIGHT PROFESSOR STRICKLAND APPARENTLY RESIGNS FROM POST IN ALGIERS, REQUESTING TRANSFER TO ENGLAND OR RELEASE TO RETURN HOME, IN LETTER JUST RECEIVED BY PAO.

2. RELEVANT PORTIONS LETTER ARE: PUOTE: I NOW PROPOSE ON ADVICE FULBRIGHT COMMISSION LONDON THAT I BE REASSIGNED TO (KENT) AS FULBRIGHT RESEARCH SCHOLAR. SIMILAR SOLUTION WAS FOUND JUST THIS YEAR IN TAMER CASE, FULBRIGHTER WHO WAS TO HAVE GONE TO PORTUGAL... OTHER ALTERNATIVE IS THAT I RETURN TO MY OWN UNIVERSITY... I PREFER FIRST ALTERNATIVE. UNQUOTE.

3. POST SEES NO SIMILARITY BETWEEN ALGERIAN AND PORTUGUESE SITUATION. SITUATION IN ALGERIA NO WORSE FOR STRICKLAND THAN HIS PREDECESSOR AND HIS FULBRIGHT COLLEAGUE IN ORAN. POST RELUCTANT ESTABLISH PRECEDENT THIS SORT AND RECOMMEND THAT PROPOSAL FOR REASSIGNMENT BE DENIED.

4. POST HAS NO EXPERIENCE WITH TRANSFER/RESIGNATION OF FULBRIGHTERS AND DOES NOT KNOW PROPER FORM. PLEASE ADVISE.

5. STRICKLAND WOULD HAVE TO RETURN ALGIERS TO SORT AND PACK EFFECTS, AND ARRANGE REQUIRED RE-EXPORT OF CAR. HE SUGGESTS
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RETURNINR BRIEFLY A FEW TIMES FOR CONSULTATION WITH ALGERIAN

COLLEAGUES, BUT POST CONSIDERS THIS LIKELY TO BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE.

6. RESIGNATION UNDERLINES FACT THAT FULBRIGHTERS ASSIGNED TO ALGERIA SHOULD HAVE SPECIFIC INTEREST IN ALGERIA. PERSON ASSIGNED TO ORAN, 350 KILOMETERS FROM ALGIERS AND NEAR MOROCCAN BORDER, HAS HAD MUCH GREATER MATERIAL AND MORALE PROBLEMS. BUT NOW HAS FOUND FEASIBLE RESEARCH PROJECT (ALGERIAN AGRARIAN REVOLUTION) AND SHOULD NOT SUCCUMB TO SNOWBALL EFFECT OF RESIGNATION.

7. FOR LONDON: PLEASE ADVISE IF FULBRIGHT-LONDON, WITHOUT SO INFORMING ALGIERS, DIDI ADVISE STRICKLAND HE SHOULD REQUEST REASSIGNMENT TO ENGLAND. PARKER

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